

the importation of all foreign produce and manufactures which can be wholly or partly supplied by industry and skill within ourselves, and that a preference and encouragement ought to be given to home produce and manufactures, thereby to improve their quality, increase their quantity, provide employment and the means of living for additional numbers, and lessen the imports; and your committee are of opinion, that with this view the respective duties on the articles following, to wit: Upon every barrel of beef 10/. Upon every barrel of pork 15/. Upon every hundred weight of cheese, butter, soap, candles and tallow, and so pro rata, 10/. Upon all malted barley and other malted grain 5 per cent. ad valorem. Upon every gallon of beer, ale, porter and cider, not being in bottles, 6d. Upon every dozen bottles of beer, ale, porter and cider, 4/. Upon all saddles for mens or womens use 5 per cent. of the value. Upon every saddle-tree 1/6. Upon every pair of mens and womens leather shoes 1/. Upon every pair of womens silken shoes and slippers 2/6. Upon every pair of womens stuff shoes and slippers 1/. Upon every pair of boots 2/6. Upon all ready made cloaths, including castor hats, 7½ per cent. ad valorem. Upon every beaver hat 5/. Upon all cabinet ware and wooden household furniture 10 per cent. ad valorem. Upon every tun of cast iron ware, and so pro rata 3l. Upon every dozen packs of playing cards 6/. Upon every pound of starch and hair powder 2d. Upon all utensils and vessels of wrought copper, brass and tin, 5 per cent. ad valorem. Upon every tun of shipping belonging in whole or in part to any foreign nation and state whatever, except such as the congress of the United States have entered into treaties of commerce with, 7/6 for every tun thereof carpenters measure for each and every voyage. On all glass 2½ per cent. of the value. On every pair of mens or womens stockings 3d. On all manufactured tobacco, except snuff, 6d per pound. Upon every pound of snuff, including the bottle, canister or package, 1/. And the more effectually to encourage the manufactures of linen, cotton and woollen, your committee beg leave to recommend, that a bounty of three-pence per yard be given in each county in this state, to the person or persons owning the same stock in partnership, who shall, in the same county, weave of his or their own property, or have the same wove at the same place, the greatest quantity, not being less than 8,000 yards, of square wove linen, not less than one yard and one inch wide, so that the thread or yarn of such linen be spun in the county where the bounty is applied for. A bounty of 2d on the next greatest quantity, not less than 6,000 yards. A bounty of 2½d on the next greatest quantity, not less than 4,000 yards. A bounty of 2d per yard on the next greatest quantity, not less than 2,000 yards. And the like bounties on cottons and woollens, or a mixture of them. Also a bounty of 4d per pair on every pair of mens or womens cotton, thread, worsted or yarn stockings, to the person or persons who, on the same stock, weave or cause to be wove the greatest number of pairs, not less than 2,000 pairs of such stockings.

That the bounties be taxed and paid in the counties where the manufactures shall be made and the bounties awarded, and that the particular counties be reimbursed by the public; that to induce people to risk capitals in manufactures, the duties and premiums continue at least seven years.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Sarah Buchanan, the widow, and Alexander Cowan and John Taylor, the securities, of Archibald Buchanan, deceased, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Mantz, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for extending and continuing South-street in Frederick-town, in Frederick county, to the Conococheague road; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the letter of the 1st of December instant, from his excellency the governor of Virginia, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion seven deputies ought to be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses, to a convention to be held in the city of Philadelphia in the month of May next, for the purpose of revising the federal constitution: And the committee are also of opinion, that five commissioners ought to be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses, to meet commissioners from the commonwealth of Virginia and Pennsylvania, and to communicate to them the regulations of commerce and duties proposed in this state, and to confer on such subjects as may concern the commercial interests of the said states, and within the power of the respective states. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

AL GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Matthews, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, purchasers of confiscated property at or near the Head of Elk, are of opinion, that the debts due the public from said petitioners are so connected with the public funds, no alteration can be made at this time in the mode of payment. In consideration of the difficulty of raising money, your committee are of opinion, that the executions for the principal sums of said debts, ought to be stayed until the twentieth day of September next. The committee further report, that the fees of the attorney-general appear to be exorbitant and oppressive, and ought to be lessened, or otherwise regulated. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading of the report on the petition of Sarah Buchanan, the widow, and the securities, of Archibald Buchanan, deceased, **RESOLVED**, That all further proceedings on the executions